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STATEMENT, OCTOBER 30, 1973

MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

1. THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL DELEGATION TRANSLATION
OF TEXT OF THE BULGARIAN OPENING STATEMENT DELIVERED
BY BULGARIAN REP (TUDOR DICHEV) IN THE MBFR OPENING
PLENARY SESSION ON OCTOBER 30, 1973.

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:

ALLOW ME IN THE NAME OF THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION TO GREET ALL
DELEGATIONS REPRESENTED IN THIS ROOM WHO CAME TO VIENNA IN
CONNECTION WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION
OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. I WOULD LIKE
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TO EXPRESS BEFORE ALL THOSE PRESENT HERE THE SATISFACTION OF

MY COUNTRY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE REALIZATION OF A NOBLE INITIATIVE - THE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WHICH INTEREST EUROPEAN NATIONS, NAMELY: ABOUT THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE WHICH WILL LEAD TO A SITUATION THAT POLITICAL DETENTE ON OUR CONTINENT BUT SUPPLEMENTED BY A MILITARY ONE. THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND TREATS THEM WITH GREAT SERIOUSNESS. IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION THAT TODAY ON OCTOBER THE 30TH, 1973, HERE IN VIENNA AND IN A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE THAT IS DEVELOPING BETWEEN ALL THE DELEGATIONS PRESENT HERE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT PROBLEM HAVE BEGUN. A PROGRAM OF CONCRETE MEASURES FOR RESOLVING THE PROBLEM OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE AS PRESENTED IN THE SPEECH OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY L.E. BREZHNEV AT THE WORLD CONGRESS OF PEACE LOVING FORCES ON OCTOBER 26 OF THIS YEAR IN MOSCOW OPENS UP GREAT POSSIBILITIES FOR THE RESOLUTION OF TASKS WHICH STAND BEFORE US, AND WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS.

THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION EXPRESSES THE HOPE OF HER GOVERNMENT AND HER PEOPLE THAT THESE TALKS WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED AND THAT THE FIRST POSITIVE DECISIONS WILL BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AS FOR OUR SIDE, OUR DELEGATION IS READY TO MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOLUTION OF THE TASKS WHICH LAY BEFORE US.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRACTICE WHICH EXISTED DURING THE PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS IN VIENNA WAS AN EFFECTIVE ONE AND THAT IT WOULD BE PRESERVED DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, I.E., THAT WE SHALL SEEK THE NECESSARY UNDERSTANDING ON THE BASIS OF A CONSENSUS, ON THE BASIS OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS. THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION ASSUMES THAT THE PLENARY SESSIONS WHICH WE SHALL CONDUCT SHOULD HELP US TO REACH CONCRETE RESULTS IN RESOLVING QUESTIONS OF REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. ALSO ALLOW ME IN THE NAME OF THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC FOR THEIR ATTENTION AND FOR CREATING CONDITIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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